

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**HB 622 - SB 1348**

March 18, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates new Class E felonies for knowingly providing false documentation for the purpose of receiving any public benefit provided by the State to indigent persons and for knowingly providing false documentation for the purpose of obtaining employment.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$39,600 / Incarceration\***

Assumptions:

- Five persons will be convicted of a Class E felony for knowingly providing false documentation for the purpose of receiving public benefits or to obtain employment and will serve 0.3 years.
- According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2007 is \$60.16.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, population growth in Tennessee has been 1.09 per year for the past 10 years. Population growth will result in one additional offender in the tenth year. The maximum cost in the tenth year, as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-4-210, is based on six offenders serving 0.3 years (109.58 days). The cost per inmate at 0.3 years is \$6,592.33 (\$60.16 x 109.58 days). The total additional cost in the tenth year for six offenders is \$39,553.98 (\$6,592.33 x 6).

*\*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director